Thousands Tramped Broad Street Yesterday in Spite of Dampness and Mud-Rush of Buying Continues Great.

Many Early Shoppers.

An Army of Late Ones

Should Leave Orders.

CHRISTMAS RUSH

hose who listened to the many admo-lons of the storekeepers and the news-locas, and did their Christmas shopping ity, have good cause to rejoice, for the

Richmond's Display Immense. It is to be doubted if the shop win-dows on Twenty-third Street in New York can surpass in beauty the win-lows on Broad Street in this city, and the display counters and show cases, all the way from Adams Street down to lighth or Ninth, on Broad, will com-care flavorably with any layout that jotham can show.

All day yesterday between these two

upply of that article which the, ment or two of early birds

over the city and the cierks in the ions and main office tugging away stully to keep all classes of mail Piles of Packages.

Rush of Express.

Xmas Shopping

Has Begun

and we lead the mart in the display of Xmas Gift Goods,

Rountree's Retail Store.

## A FULL MOON

and a full stocking make the ideal Christmas Eve. We can help you fill the

stockings. For hurry-up perusal we offer this Simplified Gift List:

Handkerchiefs, Mufflers, Suspenders. Garters, Waistcoats, Socks, Bath Robes, Collars, Gloves, Smoking Jackets, Hats. Underwear, Sticks, Shirt Stud Sets, Shoes, Shirts, Searf Pins, Cuff Links, Ties. Dressing Gowns, Pajamas, Umbrellas, Night

Jacobs & Levy

Robes.

Suit Cases.

Practical Illustration.

## SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

Special Christmas Exercises to Be Held in Many Places. Students Leaving.

Many Entertainments.



### TO BEGIN TO-DAY VETERANS GIVE MONEY TO POOR

Old Soldiers Take Up Collection and Send Goodly Sum to Association.

by the veterans of the Con-ing for the purpose of niling of suffering poor of this city, we can deep gratitude for and of this donation. Feel that this afft bespeaks dissacrifice on the part of old veterans; that they are come Christmas pleasure, fore-comforts or little luxuries in man, because they are so to belp little children and or.

HENRY LEE VALENTINE,

Gifts for Parents.

Toys to Orphans.

of Friendship Rebecca Lodge

Bears the Bigusture Charlet Fletcher.

Do You Know

Christmas is Only a Few Days Off

And You Have Completed Only a Part of Your Purchases?

The great Schmidt Store presents a tempting array of Xmas good cheer -Imported and Domestic Groceries, Fruits, Confections and delicacies of all kinds-and in every department the stock is complete. Our efforts to furnish our patrons the finest and largest stock in our history, has placed this store ahead of any in Richmond in the excellence, variety and quality of goods. It's the largest and finest stock in our history, but is being rapidly de-

pleted. We suggest that you order to-day.

MAIL ORDERS PROMPTLY FILLED.

Our Wine Cellar

Nuts, Fruits, Candies.

Cigars.

Delicatessen

Canned Goods, Teas, Coffees

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The Big Grocery Store on Broad Street. Phones 369 and 4197.

Young Woman Connected With Norfolk and Western Sues Tide- Workmen on Tidewater Road Prominent Virginia Families Declared to Be Sane.

Little Girl Was Standing Before Open Grate-Mother's Hands Pitilessly Burned.

[Special to The Times Dispatch.] PETERSBURG, VA., December 26.—The seven-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William T. Wells was fatally burned in her bedroom at her home on West High Street last evening, and died about two hours after the accident. The little girl, whose name was Bernice, was found by an older sister standing before the fire with her gown aflame. The mother, in a desperate effort to tear the burning clothing from the child, was badly burned about the hands. At the time of the accident the chibl's father was out at the Central State Hospital, where he is

the Central State Hospital, where he is employed as night fireman.

Thiser Ruffin, the negro recently convicted in the Circuit Court of Dinwiddle county of shooting and robbing Warren Brown, postmaster and merchant at Hebron, in that county, has been adjudged insane by the commission appointed to examine him, and has been sent to the Central State Hospital, Ruffin was sentenced to eight years in the penitoritary after the third trial, and a motion for a fourth trial was to have been argued.

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The charter of the Appointance Benefit Society was recorded to-day in the office of the elerk of the courts. The organization is a fraternal benefit association, and will be managed by a board of national directors, which, for the first year, is composed of the following gentlement.

J. W. Seward and Dr. R. A. Gamble, of Petersburg, J. W. Elliot, of Rounoke, M. C. Doubles and A. G. Rogers, of Richmond.

mond.

Major Francis R. Lassiter, Congress-man-elect from this district, will leave to-morrow morning for Charleston, S. C. where he goes to deliver an address.

# QUARTER OF MILLION

water for Large Sum-Grade-Crossing Case.

NORFOLK, VA., December 20.-The

WANTED FOR SHOOTING: GETS SHOT HIMSELF

RUCKERSVILLE VA. December 20

Angus Sims, a colored youth of the vicinity of Quinque, who, it is alleged, ran away from the county to avoid apprehension on the charge of shooting another negro youth, was brought home from Clarement. W. Va., a few days ago, himself having been shot by a negro, whom he had shot through the car. This negro feigned being dead to preven Sims shooting more by laying on the ground until Sims was out of sight, when he arose and overtook Sims, took from him the weapon he had used and shot Sims through the leg. Angus Sims, a colored youth of the vi-

Leave for Homes-Merchants Doing Good Business.

CASTORIA For Infants and Children.

The Kind You Have Always Bought Bears the Signature of Charffelthing

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For Sale

We have been receiving our NEW STOCK for the last thirty days, and we are now prepared to furnish promptly-General and Ornamental Hardware, V-Crimp Steel Roofing, Tin Plate, Rubber Roofing, two and three-ply Tarred Paper, Sash, Doors and Blinds, Lime, Plaster, Cement, Conductor Pipe, Gutter and extras, Glass, Paint, Oils, Varnish, etc.; Cut and Wire Nails, etc. For the Holiday trade we have put in a most attractive line of Rodger Pen Knives, Carvers, Silver-Plated Ware, Guns, Rifles, etc. Try us with your next order.

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Roller Tray Trunks, Skirt Trunks,

Bureau Trunks, Steamer Trunks, Hat Trunks. You will find shopping easy, and can't go wrong on buying here. The prices are right, and the excellency and artistic designs will please the most fastidious.

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